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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a java developer I am extremely worried about what is going on with the settlement, especially when you consider that it hasn't deterred Microsoft from anti-competitive behavior. An example of this is the security restriction they are putting on the java virtual machine on the Windows XP operating system. There is no logical reason to take the actions it has, when you consider that sun has spent many years developing java security, and the current security model is far more secure than Microsoft's competitor to java applets, ActiveX. Sun Microsystems pioneered the internet while Microsoft was still asleep...they developed a great language for distributed computing and really assisted in the development of the internet by providing a lot of software solutions free. The internet would not be what it is today without applets...think about that, all distributed computing through web browsers in the early days of the internet was accomplished through applets, a lot of companies that drive the US economy today (Macromedia, QuickTime) began their lifecycles with java. Now we are in real danger of losing that technology, just like what happened to Netscape. It is very disconcerting that companies that give back so much to the community and advance communication mediums for the benefit of all society are allowed to be wiped out by a company that does none of those things.

If you do not take sterner actions against Microsoft, you are sending a message to all developers saying that it's no use for them to give back to the community with the technology they create...it will be a sad day when software developers are too scared to do something that benefits the community (e.g. java technology from sun, cookies from Netscape), because they risk having their livelihood destroyed by a large monopoly.

This is not a small case, it has wide reaching, long term implications for what is becoming one of the major communication mediums in the world. Your decision here will effect global communication for decades to come, please, I beg of you, make the right decision and release Microsoft's hold on the development community, allow everyone in the world to benefit from the internet and not just one company, the world will thank you

Sincerely

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